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Applicant: Josep Garces Garces, et al.  
Title: MICROCAPSULES - II  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Before examination, in the national stage for the United States, of the above-captioned application under the Patent Convention Treaty, please amend as follows the translation supplied herewith of the application:

In the Specification:

*Please delete all text above line 8, of page 1, and replace the deleted matter with the following new section headings and new paragraph:*

—TITLE OF THE INVENTION

MICROCAPSULES

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

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This invention relates generally to the encapsulation of active principles and more particularly to new microcapsules, to a process for their production using various polymers and chitosans and to their use for the production of, for example, surface-active preparations.—